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For: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3, 4, 7-8, 11-12 and 15-16 as follows:

Claim 3, ~~line 1, delete~~ "any one of claims 1-2" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 4, ~~line 1, delete~~ "any one of claims 1-2" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 7, ~~line 1, delete~~ "any one of claims 1-6" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 8, ~~line 1, delete~~ "any one of claims 1-7" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 11, ~~lines 1 and 2, delete~~ "any one of claims 9-10" and insert therefor --  
claim 9--.

Claim 12, ~~lines 1 and 2, delete~~ "any one of claims 9-10" and insert therefor --  
claim 9--.